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Note of the Administrator

Summary

The present note contains information on the extensions of the country programmes for Bhutan, Colombia, Comoros, Cuba, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Syria, Togo and Tunisia. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information. The requests for second one-year extensions and two-year extensions of country programmes are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Bhutan, Cuba, Mexico, Nigeria and Togo for a period of one year, from 1 January to 31 December 2013, and Rwanda for a period of six months, from 1 January to 30 June 2013, as reported in Table 1.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the two-year extensions of the country programmes for Colombia and Comoros from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014, and the second one-year extensions of the country programmes for Namibia, Syria and Tunisia, from 1 January to 31 December 2013, as presented in Table 2.

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Annex

Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since January 2012

Country	Original CCF period	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Reason and explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Bhutan	2008-2012	2013			The Royal Government of Bhutan and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) until the end of 2013 to align with the national five-year planning cycle.
Cuba	2008-2012	2013			The Government of Cuba and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year to elaborate the United Nations support in alignment with the national planning period.
Mexico	2008-2012	2013			The Government of Mexico and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year to harmonize with the national planning cycle.
Nigeria	2009-2012	2013	The Government of Nigeria and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year to align with the national planning cycle and allow for an UNDAF process that considers options for Delivering as One.		
Rwanda	2008-2012	January – June 2013			The Government of Rwanda and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the country programme to harmonize cycles of both the UNDAF and the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS) which commences in July 2013.
Togo	2008-2012	2013			The Government of Togo and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year to harmonize with the national planning period.

Table 2. Extensions of country programmes for which Executive Board approval is sought

Country	Years covered by original CCF	Year(s) covered by extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				2nd one-year	Two-year	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Colombia	2008-2012	-	-	-	2013-2014			The Government of Colombia and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the UNDAF by two years, in order to fully align United Nations development support with the National Development Plan 2010-2014.
Comoros	2008-2012	-	-	-	2013-2014			The Government of the Union of the Comoros and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the UNDAF by two years, in order to fully align United Nations development support with the national planning cycle which will begin in 2015.
Namibia	2006-2010	2011 - 2012	2013	2013	-			The Government of Namibia has requested a second one-year extension of the UNDP country programme to align with the UNDAF, which has been extended through 2013, to give sufficient time for the Government to finalize its National Development Plan 4 (NDP-IV).
Syria	2007-2011	2012	2013	2013	-		The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Nations country team agreed to extend the UNDAF for one year. This will provide sufficient time for UNDAF and country programme document preparations that consider the changed national priorities after political reforms.	
Tunisia	2007-2011	2012	2013	2013	-		The Government of Tunisia has requested an extension of the UNDP country programme for one year to align with the United Nations Transition Strategy, 2011-2013, which replaced the UNDAF, 2007-2011, after political reforms.	

CCF - country cooperation framework